

Ephraim

December 15, 1966

Dear Boris-

How kindly you answered me. I appreciate your letter very much.

What you say is based on great wisdom and insight. I didn't give you any factual details, so some of the premises are out of place. The hurting to hurt that you underline is so right, but if I fault myself at all it is only in the opposite direction, for having been so indecisive for the five or ten years that the situation was obviously ^{ir-}remediable. When I referred to relief and sadness, the relief was to have finally taken a constructive step instead of procrastinating indefinitely as I had been; the sadness is that of living alone and the difficulties of any further steps. You really are an illustrious example of continued fulfillment, and it pleases me to think of the vigor and charm with which you pursue that. We each have to work out our own style, with our own resources.

It was especially thoughtful of you to invite me in such a personal way and I will certainly remember this for any chance of a visit. Don't worry about my 'fermenting', I have many friends here, and I find I can relate to them even much better now. But it would be a delight to see you and Harriett, and I will not let the opportunity disappear if there is some occasion to realize it.

As ever,